

Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting

held at the Council Chamber, 32 Civic Drive, Greensborough
on Tuesday 13 May 2025 commencing at 7:00 PM.

Minutes

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Nillumbik Shire Council

**Minutes of the Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held
Tuesday 13 May 2025. The meeting commenced at 7:00 PM.**

Councillors present:

Cr John Dumaesq	Wingrove Ward (Mayor)
Cr Naomi Joiner	Bunjil Ward (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Grant Brooker	Blue Lake Ward (Chairperson Consultation Matters)
Cr Kelly Joy	Edendale Ward
Cr Kate McKay	Swipers Gully Ward
Cr Kim Cope	Sugarloaf Ward

Officers in attendance:

Carl Cowie	Chief Executive Officer
Claire Quinlan	Chief Operating Officer
Blaga Naumoski	Director Governance, Communications and Community Safety
Corrienne Nichols	Director Communities
Frank Vassilacos	Director Planning, Environment and Strategy
Jeremy Livingston	Director Culture and Performance
Katia Croce	Manager Governance and Property
Elishia Jansz	Manager Community Safety (Municipal Recovery Manager)
Melika Sukunda	Manager Finance, Assets and Procurement
Michael van Oosterwijck	Coordinator Community Safety
Robert Malignaggi	Business Services Lead

1. Welcome by the Chair**2. Acknowledgement of Country**

Acknowledgement of Country was read by the Chairperson Consultation Matters
Cr Grant Brooker.

3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

An apology was received from Cr Peter Perkins.

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Naomi Joiner

SECONDED: Cr Kim Cope

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council) notes the apology from
Cr Peter Perkins.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4 Declarations of conflict of interest

Nil

5. Confirmation of Minutes

COM.001/25 Confirmation of Minutes Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held Tuesday 8 April 2025

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 8 April 2025.

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Kate McKay

SECONDED: Cr Kim Cope

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council) confirms the Minutes of the Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 8 April 2025 (**Attachment 1**).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Officers' reports{ TC "Consultation Matters" \12 }

PCC.003/25 Proposal to rename a section of Duffs Road, Panton Hill to Welton View

Item: **Consultation Matter**

Distribution: **Public**

Manager: **Blaga Naumoski, Director Governance, Communications and Community Safety**

Author: **Katia Croce, Manager Governance and Property**

Summary

At its Council Meeting on 25 March 2025, Council endorsed to commence public consultation process on the proposed renaming of a section of Duffs Road, Panton Hill to Welton View as shown on the plan in **Attachment 1 and 2** as required under Section 7 of the Naming Rules for Places in Victoria – 2022 (Naming Rules) and Council's Community Engagement Policy.

Council also resolved to consider any submissions received on the proposed road renaming at this Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting before making a final decision on the road renaming proposal at a future Council meeting.

Community consultation occurred on the road renaming proposal between Friday 28 March to Sunday 27 April 2025.

In response to the community engagement process, Council received 32 submissions via Participate Nillumbik, with 31 of these submissions in support of the road renaming proposal.

All submissions are included in **Attachment 3 (redacted)** and **Attachment 4 (unredacted)**.

This report provides a summary of the feedback received from the community consultation process in response to the proposed renaming of a section of Duffs Road, Panton Hill to Welton View.

Submitters have been invited to attend this meeting of the Planning and Consultation Committee to speak to their submission. In addition to the written submissions received, community members have also been invited to make verbal presentations to the Committee regarding the road renaming proposal.

Committee Resolution

MOVED: **Cr Naomi Joiner**

SECONDED: **Cr Kate McKay**

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Acknowledges and notes the submissions received on the proposed renaming of a section of Duffs Road, Panton Hill to Welton View, shown in **Attachment 1 and 2** as required under Section 7 of the Naming Rules for Places in Victoria – 2022 (Naming Rules) and Council's Community Engagement Policy.
2. Acknowledges and notes the submissions received from the community in **Attachment 3 and Attachment 4** and any verbal presentations made to the Committee on the road renaming proposal.

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PCC.003/25 Proposal to rename a section of Duffs Road, Panton Hill to Welton View

3. Requests a further report be presented to Council on 27 May 2025 to make a final decision on whether to proceed with the road renaming proposal.
4. Thanks submitters for providing Council with feedback on the road renaming proposal.
5. Resolves the confidential un-redacted copy of the written submissions to the naming proposal (**Attachment 4**) remain confidential on the grounds specified in the definition of confidential information in section 3(1)(f) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Officers' reports

PCC.004/25 Draft Budget 2025-2026 Submissions

Item: Consultation Matter

Distribution: Public

Manager: Melika Sukunda, Acting Chief Operating Officer

Author: Robert Malignaggi, Acting Manager Finance, Assets and Procurement

Summary

This report considers submissions received from the public regarding the Draft Budget 2025-2026 (**Attachment 1**).

Council adopted the Draft Budget 2025-2026 at the Council Meeting on 25 February 2025 for the purpose of community consultation. The Draft Budget was exhibited for 28 days with 13 submissions being received. These submissions are attached to this report (**Attachment 1**).

It is proposed that the Committee considers the submissions on the Draft Budget 2025-2026 and that the matter then be considered by Council on 27 May 2025.

The following people addressed the Committee with respect to this item:

1. Janice Crosswhite OAM
2. Paul Northey
3. Sue Dyet on behalf of Eltham Community Action Group
4. Michael Burgess – President on behalf of the Greensborough Hockey Club
5. Wayne Kinrade
6. Natalie Duffy
7. Sue Rosenhain
8. Vicky Shukuroglou
9. Michael Smith
10. Don Vincent on behalf of Friends of Nillumbik (virtually)

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Kate McKay

SECONDED: Cr John Dumaesq

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Receives and notes the submissions received in respect of the Draft Budget 2025-2026, (**Attachment 1**) in accordance with the section 96 of the *Local Government Act 2020*.
2. Considers the matters contained in the submissions and the Committee's report during finalisation of the Budget.
3. Acknowledges presentations made to the Committee.

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4. Resolves that the confidential un-redacted submissions contained in (**Attachment 2**) remain confidential on the grounds specified in the definition of confidential information in Section 3(1)(f) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.
5. Requests that a further report be presented to Council on 27 May 2025 with a recommendation on whether to adopt the 2025–2026 Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Officers' reports

PCC.005/25 Domestic Animal Management Plan - Phase 2 Community Engagement

Item: Consultation Matter

Distribution: Public

Manager: Blaga Naumoski, Director Governance, Communications and Community Safety

Author: Elishia Jansz, Manager Community Safety (Municipal Recovery Manager)

Summary

At the Council Meeting held on 25 February 2025, Council endorsed to commence Phase 2 of community consultation on the Draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2025-2029 (**DAMP 2025-2029**) (**Attachment 1**).

Community consultation occurred on the Draft DAMP 2025-2029 between Monday 3 March to Friday 4 April 2025.

This report provides a summary of the feedback received from the community consultation process in response to development of Councils Domestic Animal Management Plan which is a four-year plan that provides a strategic approach to the delivery of animal management services across the Nillumbik Shire.

In response to the Community Engagement process, Council received 524 submissions, made up of 518 completed surveys, and 6 written submissions. A summary of the completed surveys received to date are included in Community Engagement Report – Phase 2 (**Attachment 2**) and written submissions included as **Attachments 4 and 5**.

Overall, the Draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2025–2029 was well received by the community, with feedback reflecting strong engagement and thoughtful contributions.

A clear theme emerged in support of shared use of sporting ovals, with 45% of respondents backing dogs off-leash outside of organised sporting activities, compared to 16% who opposed it. This indicates community support for more accessible off-leash areas, particularly where existing dog parks may not meet the needs of all users.

On cat management views were more evenly split. 42% of respondents favoured retaining the current overnight curfew, while 40% supported introducing a 24-hour curfew. These results reflect the community's interest in balancing responsible pet ownership with public amenity and environmental protection.

The public have been invited to attend this meeting of the Planning and Consultation Committee to speak to the item and provide further feedback to help shape the future DAMP. The feedback will directly inform refinements to the final DAMP.

The final Draft DAMP 2025-2029 is proposed to be tabled for Council consideration at future council meeting.

The following people addressed the Committee with respect to this item:

1. Sue Rosenhain
2. Vicky Shukuroglou
3. Christopher Collins on behalf of Dogs of Eltham

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4. *Alex Grimes*
5. *Lynlee Tozer personal submission and on behalf of the Green Wedge Protection Group*
6. *Lily van Eeden*
7. *Michael McCarthy – tabled verbal submission*
8. *Rae Byrom*
9. *Lee O'Mahoney*
10. *Lee O'Mahoney on behalf of Debbie James*
11. *Wayne Kinrade*
12. *Cath Moore*
13. *Natalie Duffy*
14. *Michael Smith*
15. *Isabel Nalato on behalf of Stephanie Jenkins*
16. *Isabel Nalato*
17. *Don Vincent on behalf of Friends of Nillumbik (virtually)*
18. *Brihony Copperwaite (virtually)*
19. *Melanie Hayes (virtually)*

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Naomi Joiner

SECONDED: Cr Kate McKay

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Receives and notes the summary Community Engagement Report – Phase 2 of submissions received in respect of the Draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2025-2029 (**Attachment 2**).
2. Acknowledges presentations made to the Committee.
3. Requests Officers to consider submissions made from the public in finalising the Draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2025-2029 prior to seeking Council endorsement at a future Council Meeting.
4. Resolves the confidential un-redacted copy of the written submissions (**Attachment 5**) remain confidential on the grounds specified in the definition of confidential information in section 3(1)(f) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Melika Sukunda, Manager Finance, Assets and Procurement and Robert Malignaggi, Business Services Lead left the meeting during discussion of this item at 7:48pm.

7. Supplementary and urgent business

Nil

8. Confidential reports

Nil

9. Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 9:03pm.

Confirmed: _____

Cr Grant Brooker, Chairperson Consultation Matters